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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/818,954
Filing Date	March 27, 2001
First Named Inventor	Paszy et al.
Group / Art Unit	1647
Examiner Name	L. Spector, Ph.D.
Attorney Docket No.	A-676B

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provision of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F. R. § 1.114

a. ☐ Previously submitted

i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 01-0519

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) in the amount of \$770.00.

ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) in the amount of \$950.00. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a request therefor.

iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

## SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED

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## FREE AUTHORIZATION / AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Attorney's Docket No:  
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Serial No. 09/818,954	Filing Date March 27, 2001	Examiner L. Spector, Ph.D.	Group Art Unit 1647
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In Re Application of  
Paszty et al.For  
NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES ENCODING BETA-LIKE GLYCOPROTEIN HORMONE POLYPEPTIDES AND  
HETERODIMERS THEREOF

## TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

- ☒ Applicant(s) request(s) the following extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a):
- ☐ One month of original due date (\$110.00)
  - ☐ Two months of original due date (\$420.00)
  - ☒ Three months of original due date (\$950.00)
  - ☐ Four months of original due date (\$1,480.00)
  - ☐ Five months of original due date (\$2,010.00)
- ☒ A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested:
- ☒ is filed herewith.
  - ☐ has been filed.
  - ☐ The response is the filing of a continuing prosecution application, the prior application having an express abandonment conditioned on the granting of a filing date to the continuing application.
- ☒ The accompanying papers include amended claims for which no additional fee is required.
- ☐ The accompanying papers include amended claims the fee for which has been calculated as follows:

## CLAIMS AS AMENDED

(1)	(2) Claims remaining After amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number Previously paid for	(5) No. of Extra claims present	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total Claims	*	Minus	**	= 0	x \$18	= \$ 0.00
Indep. Claims	*	Minus	***	= 0	x \$86	= 0.00
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Total Additional Fee for this Amendment						\$0.00

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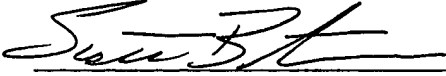
- ☐ The following other fees are incurred by the accompanying papers.
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please charge Deposit Account No. 01-0519 in the name of Amgen Inc. in the amount of \$ 950.00. A duplicate copy of this petition is attached.

- ☒ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a request therefore.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required by the accompanying papers, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-0519.

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THEREOF

Docket No.: A-676B

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO**  
**FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment and Response to Final Office Action is filed concurrently with Applicant's RCE application of Serial No. 09/818,954, and is in response to the Final Office Action issued therein, dated July 11, 2003 (Paper No. 13), in which claims 1-8, 10, 11, and 47-51, 61, and 65 were variously rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101, § 102(b), § 103(a), and § 112. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested in light of the following amendments and remarks. This amendment is timely filed along with a petition for a three-month extension of time and the appropriate fee.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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